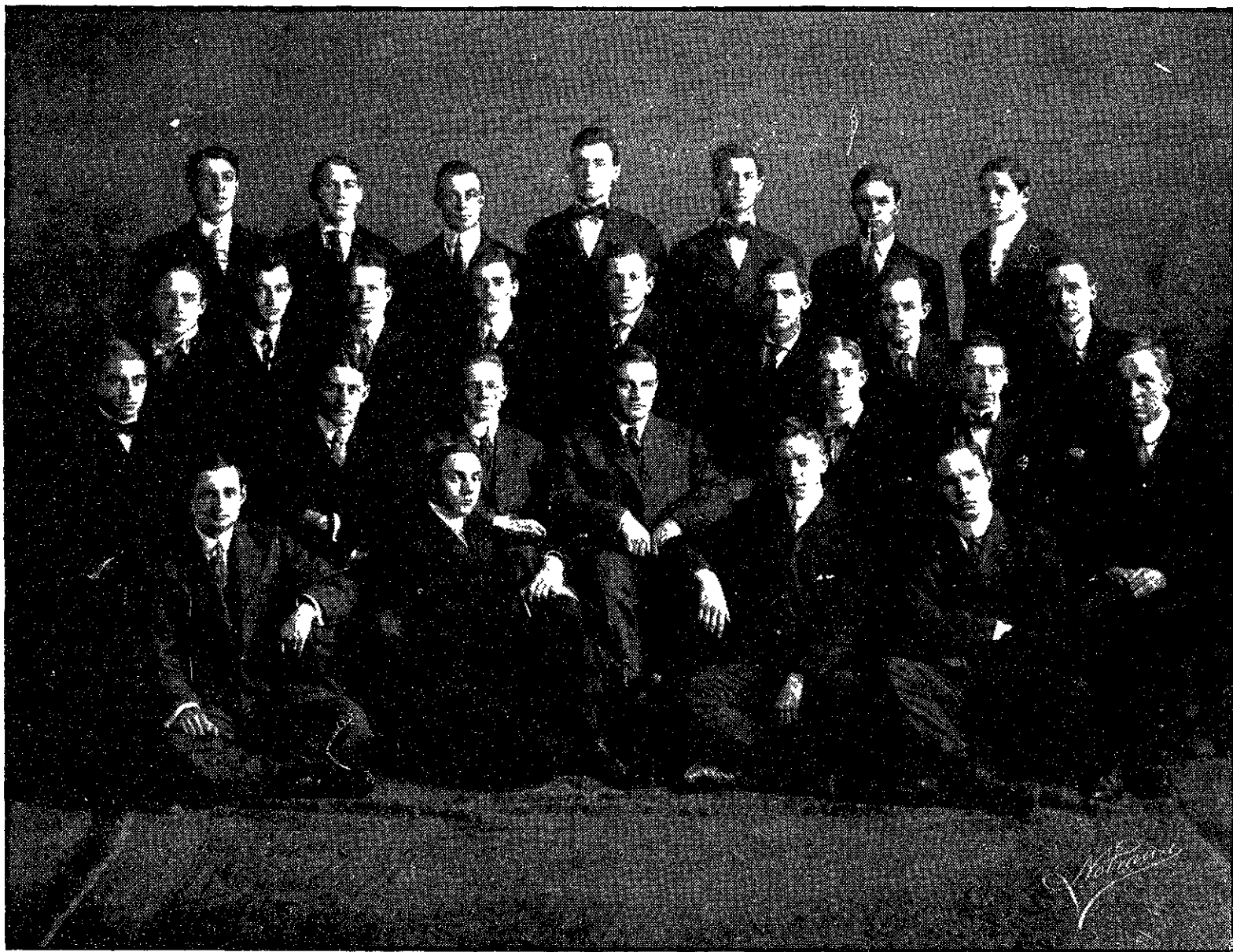


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TECHNOLOGY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

BACK ROW: (From left to right) L. G. Fitzherbert 1911, E. D. Van Tassel Jr. 1911, F. B. Avery 1910, F. J. Lange 1909, A. L. Moses 1909, J. Avery Jr. 1910, W. J. Seligman 1911.  
SECOND ROW: K. D. Fernstrom 1910, W. J. Kelly 1909, H. E. Allen 1908, B. L. Gimson 1908, C. W. Whitmore 1908, M. R. Scharff 1909 secretary, R. W. Ferris 1908, H. R. Callaway 1908.  
THIRD ROW: W. D. Ford 1908, L. Coffin, 1908, T. W. Orr 1908, G. T. Glover 1908 president, C. W. Gram 1909, J. T. Tobin 1908, C. Turner 1908.  
FRONT ROW: H. E. Whitaker 1909, W. C. Salisbury 1911, R. Ellis 1909, D. C. McMurtrie 1910.

## FACULTY ADDS EXTRA PERIOD TO VACATION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON GIVEN AS RESULT OF PETITION.

Question of Week Vacation Referred to Special Committee.

General Manager Dewey of Tech Show received the following letter yesterday:

"The petition which the managers of the Tech Show presented to the Faculty was considered at a special meeting on Wednesday, March 4th. I am glad to write you that it was voted to suspend exercises on Thursday, April 23, after twelve o'clock noon.

It was considered impracticable to extend the term to a later date than that already arranged for in the Institute calendar, so your first request—that the remainder of the week be added to the recess—could not be granted. The question of such a recess has been referred to a special committee of the Faculty which has in charge the Institute calendar.

Yours very truly,

A. L. MERRILL,

Secretary of the Faculty.

Over 930 names were presented to the faculty at the meeting, by the Institute Committee, as signers of the petition of the student body.

## BASKETBALL TEAM TOO SPEEDY FOR HOLY CROSS.

TECH WINS BY SCORE OF 29-11.

Game Slow at Start but Points were Soon Piled up in Whirlwind Fashion.

In the final game of the basketball season, Wednesday, at the Gym, Tech defeated Holy Cross 29 to 11. The game was a particularly strenuous one as Tech desired to make up for the defeat of a week ago at Worcester, (Continued on page 3.)

### SENIORS DISCUSS CLASS DAY.

Eligibility of Men for Committee Considered.

At a meeting of the senior class yesterday, the eligibility of men for the class day committee was discussed. The executive committee was appointed to look into the matter of the class gift.

L. B. Hedge, Joseph Pope, and Langdon Coffin were appointed to look after the ballots, which will be ready the last of the week and will be due next Wednesday or Thursday.

The class constitution will be in the civil engineering drawing rooms for the next few days for those who have not already signed it.

## SPRING TRACK WORK STARTS TUESDAY.

ESPECIALLY EARLY THIS YEAR.

All Men Who Have Ever Done Any Track Work Urged to Come Out.

Spring training for the track team will begin Tuesday and it is the desire of Coach Kanaly to get all the men who will be able to come out for the team to show up on that day at the Gym.

The idea of having the men do some indoor work before the start of the outdoor season is to get the squad in some sort of condition before going on the track.

The following men are especially urged to report. F. D. Stewart 1910, I. S. James 1911, P. Hart 1910, H. H. Havens 1909, G. B. Wilbur 1911, A. A. Gould 1910, R. Gould 1911, H. H. Howland 1908, C. A. Woodruff 1911, C. L. Batchelder 1909, H. R. Callaway 1908, H. A. Rapelye 1908, R. H. Allen 1909, W. D. Allen 1911, R. R. Stanley 1911, J. B. Walcott 1911, J. Avery 1910, W. R. Waldo 1910, A. J. Foote 1910, M. Flagg 1909, M. R. Scharff 1909, J. M. Fitzwater 1910, M. E. Allen 1908, L. J. Friedman 1908, F. A. Burton 1910, H. Y. Frost 1910, O. L. Throckmorton 1909, F. Russell 1910, W. Pierce 1908, E. L. Grunsky 1908, J. H. Critchett 1909, C. A. Edmonds 1908, F. F. Bell 1910, R. B. Doane 1909, L. E. Wemple 1908, A. L. Dickerman 1909, A. L. Moses 1909, D. A. French 1910, W. S. Woods 1909, J. Schaff 1909.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS THIS AFTERNOON.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS PLANNED.

Operation up to Present Time in Administration of Athletics Most Successful.

Since its inception the new Athletic Association has been doing very effective work in the administration of athletic affairs at the Institute.

Many of the questions that have been decided in the past by the graduate advisory council have recently been settled by the association in a much more satisfactory way.

The idea of the association was to take care of the general routine business of athletics, which had formerly swamped the advisory council. The latter body had a much easier time under the new regime, being able to devote more time to general policies.

The representative character of the athletic association is best shown by a list of the members, with the sports that they have been connected with.

Those who were elected from the classes are: 1908, H. R. Callaway, former captain of the cross country (Continued on page 3.)

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### PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

"But general studies aren't practical," is the objection of many juniors. They also ask why they should learn about things that they can never use in outside work.

It is hard for a man to tell just what he will use in after life. One thing, however, that is sure to come in handy is judgment. Judgment must be based on a broad point of view and is probably best developed by general knowledge. For this and other reasons general studies are of use whether they are strictly practical or not. In regard to the so-called practical in education the Engineering Record says:

"The word 'practical' has done far more damage to the cause of true engineering education than the word 'theoretical.' It has long been the fashion with some to use the latter term contemptuously as indicating mere book learning, whereas engineering theory simply means the ground-work of real knowledge, which is absolutely essential to the effective solution of the most difficult engineering problems and the only basis of rational design. Again, many engineering instructors think that if they call certain operations practical, they will somehow acquire value not otherwise possessed. Further than this, it is not uncommon to find practitioners discussing certain features of engineering education as not being sufficiently practical, meaning that the instruction ought to be devoted much more to the daily technique of the office or the routine details of work in construction. All this is wrong, and it is one of the most gratifying features of such discussions as those under consideration to find, as time goes on, that these crudenesses are largely disappearing.

"The most serious defect of engineering schools at present is their intense specialization. It would be far better if much more attention were given to instruction in the fundamental general principles underlying all engineering, precisely as do law and medical schools. Engineers should be well educated and thereby they would become more effective specialists. This is precisely in line with the expressions of some of those who joined in the discussion at the meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Indeed, some of the expressions made at that time went so far as to advocate a liberal course of study as a preparation for the technical course, as is now required at Harvard University, which again is a most encouraging indication for the broad subject of the educational training of engineers."

### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Had Mr. Adams, treasurer of the 1908 Technique, been a little better informed in regard to the action taken at the meeting of the Chicago Club held Feb. 28, in all probability his communication would not have appeared. The true action of the club at this meeting was to postpone action on these bills until the next meeting, to be held in April, as it was impossible to meet these bills at the time.

H. LOCKETT,  
H. E. STUMP.

### CHORUS GOES ON FLOOR.

Stage Business Being Worked up For Show.

Dancing as well as singing is occupying the time of the Tech Show chorus now. They have the singing down pretty well and James Francis is at present engaged in working up the stage business of the various songs. It is rather difficult at first for the men to

walk or dance and sing at the same time, but they are fast learning. The opening chorus promises to be effective and some of the other songs are accompanied by dances which are sure to make a hit.

### ELECTRICALS HEAR INSPIRING TALK.

Dr. Steinmetz's talk last night at the Union on the relation of the electrical engineering student to the practice of his profession proved to be the best the electrical society has had this year. As in most things these days, he said, the large supply of graduates turned out yearly has made the number of jobs smaller than the number looking for jobs. Still, the broad, up to date, always learning man who is above the average is eagerly sought even if a new position has to be created for him.

The past hundred years of electrical development can be divided into three regimes. First, that under the inventor, who has become poor if he has not bargained with the times; then the designer, and now the operator, who must be acquainted with all fields of mechanical and chemical engineering, business operations and even law.

Special attention was called to the selection of positions. Jobs with large pay are sure to have some handicap, usually the impossibility of advancement after a certain point has been reached. The low paying jobs have the added recompense of learning by actual experience.

Social and economical conditions will look for betterment to the electrician in the near future, even more than at present.

Dr. Steinmetz then gave a short outline of how he was endeavoring to supplant mathematical equations dealing with hypothetical transmission lines of alternating current by those based on the velocity of the propagation of the wave as a unit which will give a bearing on the vital points of transition at the transformers and not just the line.

### Y. M. C. A. HEARS BOWERY MAN.

At the Y. M. C. A. meeting yesterday, the men heard David J. Ramsey, a man who sixteen years ago was a convict in Sing Sing. He gave such a talk as he gives to men on the Bowery, and this added greatly to the interesting stories he told. His humor and quaintness of expression were something new. His topic was his own experience of how a Christian man put him on his feet and gave him a new start.

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## BASKETBALL TEAM.

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when two extra periods were played  
to decide the game.

At the sound of the whistle Holy  
Cross began the scoring, but Tech soon  
pulled together, and by good team work  
evened up the score, and began to pile  
up a good lead. The half ended 20  
to 6 in Tech's favor. The second half  
was more hotly contested than the first,  
and the individual work of the Holy  
Cross players in dodging and passing  
was remarkable.

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Wentworth rb. . . . lf. (Riley), Stevens  
Nichols lb. . . . rf. O'Donnell  
Score, Technology 29, Holy Cross 11.  
Goals from floor, O'Neil, Stevens 3, Har-  
graves 3, Parker 3, Wentworth 5,  
Nichols. Goals from fouls, Stevens 3,  
Wentworth 4, Cahill. Referee, Helmer.  
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Time, 20m. halves. Attendance, 100.

Between the halves South Boston  
High School won from Tech 2nd in a  
one-sided game, the score being 22 to  
8. Little team play was exhibited, but  
the speed of the high school players  
gave them the game.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from page 1.)

varsity track and cross country teams  
(four years): G. T. Glover, class foot-  
ball (two years), advisory council (two  
years): H. E. Allen, class football (two  
years): B. L. Gimson, varsity track  
(four years), cross country and relay.

1909, M. R. Scharff, class tug-of-war,  
(two years), varsity track (two years):  
C. W. Gram, varsity track, and relay,  
class relay, advisory council: F. J.  
Lange, varsity and class fencing: A. L.  
Moses, manager fencing team, varsity  
relay.

1910, D. C. McMurtrie, manager track  
team: John Avery Jr., manager class  
baseball, class relay: K. D. Fernstrom,  
varsity track, varsity and class relay.

1911, W. J. Seligman, class relay: L.  
C. Fitzherbert, class football: E. D. Van  
Tassel, captain, class football: W. C.  
Salisbury, varsity and class relay.

Those who are members by reason of

office are J. T. Tabin, advisory council,  
manager track team, manager class  
football, class baseball (two years): W.  
D. Ford, captain hockey, class baseball  
(two years): W. J. Kelley, manager  
hockey, class baseball (two years): C.  
W. Whitmore, manager basketball  
team (three years) varsity basket-  
ball: P. M. Wentworth, captain  
basketball, baseball team (three  
years), class baseball and football (two  
years), tennis: R. W. Ferris, manager  
cross country, class football: R. Ellis,  
captain cross country, varsity track:  
E. M. Loring, captain fencing, varsity  
fencing (two years): L. Coffin, manager  
tennis: P. R. Fanning, captain tennis,  
varsity tennis (three years): C. Turner,  
manager and captain golf team.

There will be a meeting of the as-  
sociation today to take up many im-  
portant appropriations and recommenda-  
tions.

## CHROME TANNING THE SUBJECT.

"Chrome Tanning" was the subject  
of a very interesting talk by Mr. Claf-  
lin, president of the Avery Chemical  
Co., to the members of the Chemical  
Society Wednesday evening at the Un-  
ion. Mr. Claflin described in detail the  
process of tanning leather by the so-  
called "chrome" process which, first dis-  
covered in Germany, was improved in  
this country and made a success.

## EIGHT MEN ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

On the cross country run yesterday  
afternoon the course was to Tufts  
Medical College and back, a distance of  
one and one half miles. The following  
men went on the run: P. D. White  
1911, J. D. McKenzie 1911, R. Ellis 1909,  
G. A. Magee 1910, R. A. D. Preston  
1910, C. P. Eldred 1911, S. M. Niles  
1911, W. W. Warner 1911.

## M. E. MEN VISIT HERALD OFFICE.

Two trips were made to the Herald  
Building by the Mechanical Engineer-  
ing Society this week. About 25 mem-  
bers went last Tuesday and 30 Thursday  
afternoon. They saw the completion  
of a newspaper from start to finish and  
inspected the gas engines of the plant.

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### RIFLE CLUB DESIRES NEW MEN.

At a meeting of the Rifle Club Thursday for the consideration of revolver practice it was voted to postpone the matter until next fall. Negotiations are under way for an Intercollegiate Rifle Association which will hold meets this spring. Yale, Harvard, and U. of Penn. are in favor. Cornell and Columbia have not yet been heard from. The club is very desirous of having as many new men join as possible.

### CALENDAR.

Friday, March 6, 1908.

- 4.00 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearses at the Union.
- 4.15 P.M. Athletic Association Meets in Rogers.
- 4.15 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
- 7.30 P.M. Civic Club Meets at the Union.

Saturday, March 7.

- 2.00 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearse at the Union.
- 2.19 P.M. Hare and Hounds leave Back Bay Station for Hyde Park.

Monday, March 9.

- 4.00 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearses at the Union.
- 4.15 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearses in 31 Rogers.
- 6.30 P.M. New York State Club Dines at the Union.

### FACULTY NOTICE.

SANITARY SCIENCE.—The lectures on this subject will be given henceforward until further notice in 6 Lowell instead of 11 En. B as heretofore.

### NOTICES.

CIVIC CLUB.—Meeting at Union tonight at 7.30.

HARE AND HOUNDS.—Leave Back Bay station for Hyde Park at 2.19 tomorrow. Round trip 25 cents.

NEW YORK STATE CLUB.—Dinner at the Union Monday evening. All New York men who have not received postal cards and intend going to the dinner will please leave their names at the Cage for the New York State Club.

### CLASSIFIED ADS.

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